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Bob Odom, Commissioner

Merry Christmas!



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Rejoice and be thankful this holiday season! We are blessed in America to have many opportunities that other people only dream about: freedom, prosperity, and an abundant supply of safe food and fiber. As you gather with your family this Christmas, count your blessings and be thankful for what has been given to you. Remember the true meaning of Christmas, the spirit of love it brings and then pass it on to those who are special to you. We look forward to working with the farmers, ranchers and foresters of Louisiana again next year. May the New Year bring you good health and happiness.

*Commissioner Bob Odom,
his family and staff*

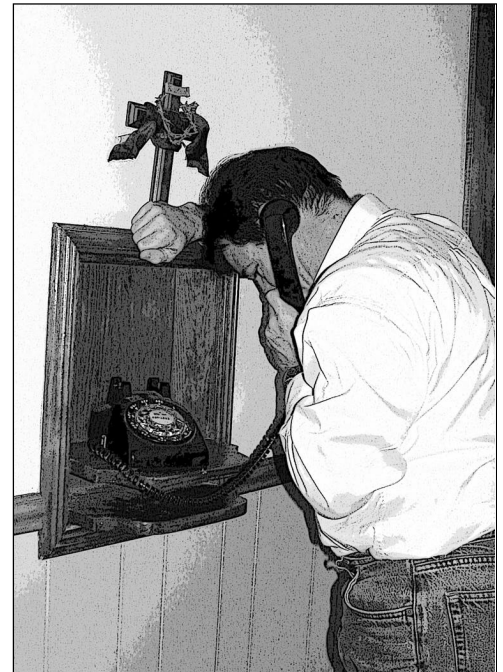
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Coming to terms with Mama



"Who died?"

Photographs by Betty Dupont Irwin

Parrain's Shoes Story by Sam Irwin

The neighbor knocked on his door.

"BeauPré, the telephone. It's for you. It's long distance, from St. Pierre."

BeauPré hitched his overalls straps onto his shoulders, scattering chickens as he trotted across the neighbor's small yard. A scratchy voice came through the party-line telephone.

"Hello, BeauPré, is that you?"

"Oui," he said, pronouncing the affirmative "whéh" in the accent of the Atchafalaya Cajuns.

"Bon," said the scratchy voice. "BeauPré, it's Narcisse. I'm calling long distance."

"Narcisse? Mon cousin?"

"Oui."

"Who died?"

"BeauPré, Tante Fleur died." He heard the click of the party line eavesdroppers as they hung up.

"I'll come tomorrow."

The next morning, under the faintest glimmer of sunlight, BeauPré left his campboat and began his journey. The screen door closed behind him with a gentle thwack against the cypress planks of its frame. The pre-dawn kitchen lights of his fishermen neighbors illuminated his way. Dressed in a borrowed blue suit, he topped the crest of the Atchafalaya River protection levee and began a northward trek along the clamshell road. His canvas boat shoes protected his feet while he carried a pair of ancient leather wing tips. The shoes were hand-me-downs, inherited when his uncle died years earlier. Wrapped in a yellowed copy of the *Bayou News*, they'd never been worn from that day to this.

Along with the shoes, he carried a Mason jar of fresh cistern water and two chopped meat sandwiches sheathed in wax paper, all inside a crinkled IG Grocery paper sack. Atop his head sat the discolored Stetson fedora he wore on his daily trotline run. He hesitated at having to wear the smelly, sweat-stained hat with the camphor-scented suit, but the 30-mile hike to St. Pierre would take the better part

of the day. He would need the hat for protection from the sun.

He could have made the trip on the river, but an underwater collision with a sinker log the previous week tore his Evinrude's propeller blade and made his 18-foot *bateau* useless. BeauPré felt that the damage was his fault and his pride prevented him from going to his neighbors for help.

By mid morning, the late September sun cast the last of the summer heat upon the bleached clamshell road. BeauPré stopped and took a swallow from the jar. *It must be about nine o'clock*, he thought and let his mind wander to memories of his Aunt Blanchefleur as he resumed his pace. In the distance he saw a barefoot boy with a cane pole lazily casting a line into the river. A straw

hat shaded his face, and the sleeves of his patched white shirt were tied around his slender waist over cut-off dungarees. BeauPré blinked, and the boy disappeared.

A few moments later, he was not surprised to see the boy walking alongside him and speaking French.

"*Ça fait chaud*. It's hot, yeah."

"Oui. I hope I don't catch a sunstroke."

"It's been a long time since you seen her. Do you remember what she looked like?"

"What are you doing here? I left you behind long ago." BeauPré seemed annoyed at the boy's presence.

"Oh, you never really left me. It's been 20 years. Do you remember what she looked like?" the boy asked again.

"I could never forget her."

"But you never wrote to her."

"I don't know how to write good."

"Whose fault is that? She sent you to school."

"It's not my fault," said BeauPré. "It's yours. I'm surprised you bring that up to me. Didn't Brother Reedy beat you for speaking French on

the school grounds?"

"That's true. He beat me with the ruler, but it wasn't for speaking French. It was for fighting." The boy stopped and glared defiantly at BeauPré.

"Fighting?" BeauPré continued walking.

"Don't you remember?" The boy ran to catch up.

"No. Why would I be fighting?" BeauPré stopped to look down at the boy.

The boy stared straight ahead. "Alphonse Quebedeaux said Mama ran off with another man and was a *putain*."

"Oh. He did say that! I'm glad I beat him up," BeauPré said. He felt satisfied.

BeauPré reached into his back pocket to retrieve a red bandanna. He mopped his brow and was astonished to taste the salt of tears in his mouth. He wiped his face and returned the cloth to his pocket. "It's true Mama left, but Tante Fleur became my mama."

He looked up, but the boy was gone. He removed his hat **See Mama's terms, page 9**



Parrain's shoes



BeauPre' began his journey

Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

Three of four soybean samples tested from an inspection tour in Louisiana Nov. 11 were confirmed five days later by USDA officials as Asian soybean rust, a potentially devastating plant disease.

"We now know this disease is not confined to just one research plot in the Baton Rouge area," Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said. "We know it's out there and we can work with LSU to educate farmers on how to combat soybean rust before next year's crop goes in the field."

The parishes where samples were confirmed are Iberia, St. John and St. Mary.

The samples provide evidence the fungal disease, which is spread by wind-borne spores, arrived in this country from South America via

Hurricane Ivan, which struck the state about three months ago.

"The sample locations indicate a path that matches the wind patterns of Hurricane Ivan," Dr. Clayton Hollier, an LSU AgCenter plant pathologist, said.

The disease has been in South America, a major soybean-producing area, since 2001.

All evidence of the disease was found on soybean plants. The assessment teams, made up of scientists from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and its Agricultural Research Service, also looked at kudzu - an invasive plant prevalent in Louisiana that can serve as a "host" for the fungus that causes the disease.

Asian soybean rust is a fungal disease that interferes with photosyn-

thesis. The plant cannot grow, so yields can be severely restricted.

Odom said he is confident Louisiana's soybean producers will work with state and federal officials to minimize the effect on soybean yields next growing season.

"Our producers are concerned about this fungus and the effects it will have on their industry," Odom said. "We've always maintained a good relationship with the soybean-growing community and are going to continue to provide education and information about this disease and the fungicides that can be used to reduce its effects."

"My department will take the necessary steps to protect growers and comply with all federal guidelines. We've worked together to identify the scope of this disease and are

going to carry on the LDAF, USDA, AgCenter team effort."

Signs of the disease were discovered Nov. 6 by Dr. Ray Schneider, an AgCenter plant pathologist, during a tour of a production field at the AgCenter's research farm near Baton Rouge. The disease was confirmed as Asian soybean rust Nov. 10 by the USDA laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

"It was just a matter of time before we found the disease in this country," said Dr. David Boethel, vice chancellor for research at the AgCenter. "We were the last major soybean-producing country that didn't have it."

Plant pathologists have said that in Brazil yields have been reduced by as much as 80 percent on individual fields because of Asian soybean rust.

"If it had to happen, it couldn't have happened at a better time of year," said Craig Roussel, director of horticulture and quarantine programs with the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry and one of two coordinators of the search effort. "More than 95 percent of the soybeans have already been harvested, so yields were not affected."

The other search coordinator was Bill Spitzer, state plant health director for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

"Our focus now is on keeping this disease under control so it doesn't hurt U.S. soybean production," Spitzer said.

Soybean rust has also been confirmed in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee.

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

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Char. bulls, 12 mos., \$800/1. Darrel Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 826-5350.

(3) Reg. Brangus bulls, excel. quality, \$1500/1. John Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5279 or (337) 831-2438.

(4) Reg. blk. Angus heifers, good 4-H & FFA show prospects, 10 mos., \$900/1-up. Jenny Rosz, Pearl River; (98) 863-7491.

Outstanding group of breeding age blk. Simm. bulls, thick, growthy, easy calving, from many years. of sound AI breeding program, \$1500/1-up. Gene Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789.

Reg. Beefmaster bull, King Cotton bloodline, 6 yrs., heifers to show, \$1200. Steve Anderson, Abita Springs; (985) 892-6761.

Reg. Limousin bulls, red & blk., polled, from AI sires, great EPD's, heavy muscle, docile, yrlgs. & older, herd bull prospects, \$1250/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

Blk. Angus bull & heifer AI, by White Oak Precise, both 1 yr., fancy & slick, bull, \$1650; heifer,

\$1350. Jim Hebert, Youngsville; (337) 856-6923.

Reg. polled Char. bulls, 3 yrs. 3 mos., Sky Ease bloodline, ready for heavy service, \$1650. Ed Dugas, Carencro; ead9743@louisiana.edu or (337) 896-4335.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 8 mos., paternal grandson of Sitz Alliance & maternal grandson of N Bar Emulation Ext., \$1000. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 2 yrs., grandson of B/R New Design 036, halter broke, \$2400; 10 mo. son of R & R Architect, \$900. H. Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 804-2594.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmayad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Braford heifer, 3/8 x 5/8, bred to Beefmaster bull, 18 mos., shown in 4-H, super nice, very gentle, \$950. Stefanie Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 9 mos.-4 yrs., \$1000/1-up. Bob Cancienne, Cut Off; (985) 632-5765 or (985) 688-4764.

Polled Char. bull, 6 mos., gentle sire & dam, reg., \$600. Gerald Moise, Covington; (985) 892-0866.

(25) Longhorn cross, 4-5 yr. cows, big body, bred to calve in the spring, in good shape, \$450/1. Harry F. Roark, Slaughter; (225) 654-8088.

(12) Reg. Longhorn bulls, 8 mos.-3 yrs., good color, big horn, \$375-\$650/1; few good heifers, \$550/1. Jane Roark, Slaughter; (225) 654-8088.

Reg. Simbrah bull, born 8/21/03, \$1000; reg. Ayrshire cow, born 9/22/98, \$850. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, top bloodlines, excel. conform., ready for service, \$850/1-up. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, good quality, 16 mos.-2 yrs., \$1200-\$2000. Bill Alford, Robert; (985) 893-1651.

Reg. Texas Longhorns, lots of

color, bloodlines & horn, some cow/calf prs., sired by Trophy by Tobasco, (7) cows, (1) bull, (2) weaned heifer calves, \$8000/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Reg. Angus bulls, 1-2 yrs., good bloodline, \$2000; (1) reg. Angus bull, 13 mos., \$1200. Tommy Leger, Scott; (337) 873-8859.

(15) Reg. blk. Angus heifers, 10-20 mos., open, \$1000/1; (17) reg. blk. Angus bulls, 2 yrs., \$1700-\$2200/1. Gurley Maurin, Hammond, (985) 345-3726, or Buck Maurin, (985) 320-8659.

(2) Reg. Red Angus bulls, 1 yr., \$1000/1. Bert Hood, Saline; (318) 576-9964.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah heifers, bulls & prs., \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4502.

Polled Hereford bulls, 6-11 mos., all shots, gentle, Pure Gold, Embracer 8E & Platinum sired calves, \$600/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

Maine Anjou bulls, solid blk., all shots, wormed, super weights, AI sired, 7 & 11 mos., \$800/1-up. Judy Wiggins, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-0309.

(10) F-1 Braford heifers, some cert., coming 2 yrs., calving soon, very gentle, 900+ lbs., \$12,000. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Gelbvieh bulls, 3 yrs., very gentle, calves to show, \$1200. Anthony Shaidae, Denham Springs; (225) 665-1409 or (225) 931-1383.

Reg. polled Char., excel cond., temperament & EPD's, weaning age bulls, \$700/1; bred cows, \$1250/1. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

Reg. Char., 34 yrs. of Char. breeding, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet & Sky Mon. Ease, cert. herd, bulls 7-26 mos., breeding age bulls, semen tested, dewormed, \$850/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Sr., Marksville; (318) 253-8300.

Wanted: 10-100 pr. quality cows, (50) pr. longhorns. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

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2003 dbl. reg. golden pal. colt, has a gorgeous head & conform., 4th generation pal. on top, sire is 90% foundation bred, dam has AQHA w/points, also a futurity winner, \$2500 obo. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

(2) 2004 AQHA pal., Doc Bar bred, sire over 90% foundation, the other is Sport Model bred, both are very good looking, nice colts, \$800/1. Jane Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

2003 Reg. pal. colt, has a lot of size & great conform., sire is Doc Bar bred, 90% foundation, dam is a natural WP mare, Zip Is It, \$1800 obo. J. Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

4 yr. reg. red. roan overo mare, dbl. bred Doc Bar & Doc Lynx, loads, leads, ties & bathes, has been shown & started under saddle, very gentle & calm, \$900 obo. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

1996 AQHA bay mare, 15.1 hands, gentle, won '98 rainbow futurity Snafflebit class, AQHA WP points, \$5000. S. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

2004 AQHA sorrel colt, blaze, back stocking, sire CLS Rock Steady, dam King Fritz, Doc Bar bred, IF, futurities, excel. lunge-line/WP prospect, \$2400. V. Ernest, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

Nice QH mare, used for trail rides, easy to ride, \$800; Phyllis Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355.

AQHA blk. colt, gray filly & 2 yr. geld., 60 days riding, overo mare, good trail riding & broodmare, top bloodlines, \$800/1-up. L. Kurz, Folsom; (985) 796-0555.

Reg. QH, 6 yr. mare, blk. & wh. paint tobiano, sire Colorado Sonny, dam Little Miss Majestic, excel. children's horse, \$2500 obo. Allen Thomas, Maurice; (337) 523-9846.

TW geld., very gentle, anyone can ride, sooth gait, current on all vacc., \$1800. Kline Daigrepont, Lacombe; (985) 882-7278.

Mini horses, weans., colts, fillies & yrlg. fillies, AMHA & AMHR, \$450/1-up. Darron Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-9594.

APHA reg. paint mare, 7 yrs., \$1500. Ferall Venable, Scott; (337) 235-7316.

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4 yr. APHA geld., grandson of Gay Bar King on top & Poco & Skipper W on bottom, solid brown, straight, 15 hands, gentle, broke & laid back, should be a top rope or ranch horse, \$1700. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

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(10) AQHA cow bred mares, 2-10 yrs., many colors, own daughters & granddaughters of money earners, excel. pedigrees, (7) mares bred to pal. & dun stallions, all broke to ride or raise babies, \$2000-\$4000. P. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562.

2004 AQHA cow bred colts, well built & correct stud or performance prospects, good quality pedigrees, all halter broke & gentle, (1) buckskin, \$1200; chestnut, \$700; sorrel, \$600; blk. filly, \$1200. Debra Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

AQHA 2001 red dun filly, 12 mos., cutting training, Peppy Boy 895 top, Dry Doc on bottom, \$3500. Chuckie Chiasson, Galliano; (985) 475-7995.

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(2) 7 mo. colts, ½ TW, ½ QH, halter broke, had shots & on feed, very nice & gentle, sire Golden Boy, \$650 & \$750. Timothy Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0242.

Large Jack, born 4/11/03, 43" tall, 400 lbs., blk. over gray, \$150. Norris Graves, Bogalusa; (985) 735-1816.

Performance bred wean., yrlgs. or trained geld., Dual Pep, Haidas Little Pep, Docs Poco Doc & King bloodlines, \$400-\$5000. Russ Mabile, Pierre Part; (225) 937-9030.

2 ½ yr. reg. QH geld., bay, Three Bar, Pudden, Sugar & Badger on papers, \$700; 6 mo. APHA colt, sorrel, impressive, Skipa, Tandy Too on papers, \$500; 4 ½ yr. APHA paint, Dude, King bloodlines, 2 mos. on heel-o-matic, \$1200, others avail. Terry Rushing, Greensburg; (225) 222-4362.

(12) Reg. '04 foals, by Zippididoodah, \$1000/1-up; (9) reg. '03 yrlgs., by Zippididoodah, \$750/1-up; 2 yr. buckskin stallion by Zippididoodah, \$5000. Dennis Crain, Winnsboro; (800) 228-8423 or (318) 435-4280.

APHA red roan filly, 4/15/03, halter broke, out of Color Me Smart, Smart Little Lena, Doc Leo Berry, Raise Your Glass, \$800. David Nichols, Lake Charles;

(337) 855-9254.

1994 AQHA bay mare, sire Saratoga Glass, Raise Your Glass, Raise A Native, dam Mini Bars Spin, Johnny Bars, Sugar Bars, has nice handle, would also make nice broodmare, \$1500. D. Nichols, Lake Charles; (337) 855-9254.

AMHA miniature mare, 7 yrs., excel. broodmare, has App. markings, \$1200. Shirley Marshall, Hessmer; (318) 563-4983.

2003 Reg. spotted draft filly, blk./wh. tobiano, \$1500; '98 reg. Belgian mare, 17.2 hands, 2100 lbs., drives & rides, bred to homozygous blk./wh. APHA for '05, \$3500; '04 blk. Percheron colt, very gentle, \$2500, others avail. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

2003 APHA breeding stock colt, buckskin dun. Kevin LeMaire, Abbeville; (337) 898-0351.

2002 Reg. spotted Draft filly, blk./wh. tobiano, super quiet disp., been in several trail rides, green broke to drive, beautiful markings, \$4500. Rhonda Runge, Merryville; (337) 825-4433.

Reg. pb Arabians at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2 plus hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donovan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

2001 Roan geld., sire Mesa Crazy Magic, \$2000; '91 gray mare, Top Deck breeding, \$2000. Laura Frye, Natchitoches; (318) 352-1852 or (318) 332-8672.

15 Yr. TW mare, very gentle, anyone can ride, \$550; 18 mo. QH filly, ready to start training, \$450. Roland Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1296.

3 Yr. Paint mare, very gentle, anyone can ride, will make good kid's horse, \$750; 1 yr. pal. & wh. filly, \$450. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

11 Yr. reg. App. mare, 15 hands, very good handle & well bred, will make a great broodmare, \$800. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355.

2001 AQHA sorrel geld., long mane, nice head, Be Aech Enterprise, Taris Catalyst, Doc O'Lena bred, broke, nice handle, great barrel horse prospect, \$3500. Richard Perioux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

Reg. 3 yr. geld., good bloodline, green broke, needs some ground work, lots of potential, \$1500 firm. Janet Lemieux, Pitkin; (337) 328-8493.

Reg. 4 yr. Arabian geld., chestnut w/3-socks & blaze, well under saddle, excel. trail horse or endurance prospect, \$2500. Kelley Lawhon, Mt. Hermon; (985) 839-6955.

AMHA miniature horses, mares, fillies, studs & colts, \$500/1-up. Shirley Crochet, Sulphur; (337) 625-0404.

Reg. App. yrlg. & wean. colts, great color & build, \$1250/1. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

AQHA blk. colt, gray colt, gray filly, 2 yr. geld., 60 days riding, overo mare good riding & broodmare, top bloodlines, \$800/1-up. Loraine Kurz, Folsom; (985) 796-0555.

Reg. MFT colts, yrlgs. & mares, show & trail prospects, \$1000/1-up. Jim Sullivan, Winnsboro; (318) 435-3104.

(25) Reg. TW horses, all ages & colors, would make a wonderful gift, \$1000/1-up. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

APHC stallion, 80% FPD, HYPP N/N, 19 mos., bay w/large spotted blanket, sire 100% color producer, very gentle, handled daily, great stud and/or show prospect, Rebel Indian, The Main Event, Joker's Patchy Eagle, Sure Impressive, \$300. A. Cormier, Morrow; (318) 939-2287.

Lineback dun filly, 4 stockings, 9 mos., halter broke, handled daily, very stocky, \$500; APHC filly, bay w/frosted rump, 9 mos., halter broke, handled daily, Doc Quixot, Plaudits Hallmark, Joker's Patchy Eagle, Sure Impressive, \$1750. J. Cormier, Morrow; (318) 939-2287.

Reg. miniature AMHA colt, \$500/1; fillies, \$1000/1; mares, \$1500/1. Michael or Brenda Hebert, Covington; (985) 893-7907.

Gray stallion, Ima Cool Eyecatcher, sire Ima Cool Skip, produces color, easy to handle, broke to ride, \$3500; gray yrlg. filly, dam Queen Smooth Run, sire Ima Cool Eyecatcher, \$800, others avail. Billy Jarrell, Pine Grove; (225) 777-4484.

1998 AQHA bay broodmare, by Doc Sport Model NCHA ME, \$4,000; Hollywood Gold on dam side, safe, in foal to own son of Peptoboonsmal NCHA M.E., \$4000. Rodney Hebert, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-5474.

Smart Little Eyes yrlg. filly, by Smart Little Rapper, saddled twice, ready for light riding, colt by Streakin Jewel, La. bred, colt by Downrite Dominate, \$1500/1. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6202 or (337) 224-1107.

1996 APHA sorrel tobiano mare, good bloodline, easy to handle, easy to catch, 90 days on barrels, \$1000 obo. Douglas Milazzo, Labadieville; (985) 665-6065.

AQHA yrlgs. & 2 yrs., American saddle bred cross & TW cross, excel. trail, pleasure or event prospects, bloodlines include Streakin Six, Hemphen, Wrocket Wrangler, Ima 3 Bar, Streaking Lajolla, Fancy Lajolla & mare, \$800/1-up. J. McCollough, Pitkin; (318) 358-3329.

Blue papered MFT stud colt, 4/04, sorrel w/blaze & (2) rear socks, good head, good conform., \$900. Felix Brown, Bastrop; (318) 281-9339.

1997 APHA blk. tobiano mare, Leo, Wimpy bloodlines, proven breeder, gentle, anyone can ride, \$1500; small gray geld., approx. 15 yrs., gentle but spirited, easy handle, lots of personality, \$575. G. Soileau, Sunshine; (225) 642-0777.

1999 Reg. AQHA sorrel geld., started on barrels & poles, gentle, bloodlines includes Iron Bird, Boston Mac Enhanced & Go Man Go, \$2000. Beth Humphries, Monroe; (318) 343-0823.

AMHR miniature horse, foals & mares, bred, \$450/1-up. C. Britton, Zachary; <http://dachshundfarm.com>, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com or (225) 658-9293.

STALLION SERVICE

Shining Sneakers x Shining Spark, AQHA superior reining, AQHA circuit championships, NRHA money earner, \$600/\$6 pasture mare care, \$8 stall mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, borerquarterhorses@aol.com or (225) 667-7415.

8 yr. grandson of Puddenhead, bay star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeanette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

AQHA 2000 gray stallion, w/excel. conform. & disp., own son of Kid Clu out of Smooth Town daughter, \$350. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; 985-632-2695.

1995 APHA blk. & wh. tobiano, pro trained for Western pleasure, gorgeous head w/outstanding disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion, over 90% foundation, Doc Bar & King bred, produces a lot of size on his babies, \$400/\$5 mare care. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA perlino, homozygous for the dilute gene, guaranteed pal. or buckskin out of your sorrel & bay mares, foundation bloodlines, \$500/\$5 mare care. Jane Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA beautiful bay stallion, great conform., 90% foundation bred, Doc Bar & King breeding, Blondy's Dude, \$400/\$5 mare care. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac Tuhomos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$500 introductory offer, limited breeding. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

1998 Golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2001 Bay stallion, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained 1 yr. for cutting, Tanquery Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$350/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

SHEEP & GOATS

Reg. Boer billy, bottle-fed, born 2/27/03, weighs 300 lbs., \$300. Donald Schexnaydre, Sorrento; (225) 675-5954.

(2) Percentage Boer goat males, 1 ½ yrs., \$100/1. Iqbal Merchant, Lafayette; (337) 267-7883.

Pygmy goats, different colors avail., more to come in spring, \$40/1. R. Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890.

Pygmy goats, herd reduction sale, does, \$75/1-up; (1) buck, \$50; (1) wether, \$35. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; (225) 625-4439.

NDGA Nigerian dwarf miniature goats, kids & adults, \$100/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; <http://dachshundfarm.com>, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com or (225) 658-9293.

SWINE

Feeder/weanling pigs, weanling to 200 lbs., corn fed, on concrete, \$45/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

Blk. & tan, reg. rat terrier, male, \$100. Melanie Bourque, Lafayette; (337) 261-0561.

AKC/UKC blk. lab pups, hips & eyes guaranteed, ready for Christmas, sire is HR champ., national field champ. bloodlines, \$800/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Catahoula-Australian pups, leopards, shots & wormed, hog & cattle background, born 10/22/04, \$65/1. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 10/04/04, off of working & treeing stock, \$150/1. Mark Matthews, Prairieville; (225) 622-2314.

NALC reg. Catahoula Curr pups, leopards & solids avail, champ. bloodlines, \$150-\$200/1. Jake Causey, Walker; (225) 686-7527 or (225) 603-4169.

NSDR miniature Australian shepherd pups, born 10/15/04, working parents & great companions, blue merles & red merles, \$300; blk. tri male, 3 wks., \$250. Chris Berthelot, Oak Grove; (318) 428-8548.

(2) working, neutered Great Pyrenees dogs, (1) 4 yrs., (1) coming 2 yrs., ready to work w/goats, sheep or birds, sold only as pr. & to good home, \$300/pr. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

Catahoula pups, leopards, glass eyes, \$100; started dogs, \$300; finished dogs, \$900. Donovan Caro, Bourg; (985) 856-3167.

Reg. border collies, born 2/16/04, all shots, well-colored marks, \$150/1. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

Great Pyrenees guard dog, 2 ½ yrs., raised w/goats, will trade for goats of equal value. Chad Curole, Ashland; (318) 875-2306.

NALC reg. Catahoula pups, born 9/1/04, beautiful blue leopards, \$250/1. Chuck Methvien, Holden; (225) 567-3317 or (985) 507-7456.

CKC Jack Russell terrier, smooth coat, short legs, \$375;

AKC miniature dachshund pups, chocolate & many other colors, \$300. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; <http://dachshundfarm.com>, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com or (225) 658-9293.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Indian ringneck parrot, turquoise, albino, lutino, blue, cinn.-blue, gray, dominant edged cinn.-blue, dominant edged gray-green & green. Lester Levene, Jr., Abbeville; (337) 893-6746.

Indian ringneck parakeet, (1) dark factor female, '04 hatch, \$1200. Anna Hudson, Abbeville; (337) 892-9819.

(2) Cockatiels, male & female, cage on stand, \$85. Melanie Bourgue, Lafayette; (337) 261-0561.

Breeder sellout, hf Jenday conures, \$250/1; proven Jenday pr., \$450; sun pair, \$500; nanday pr., \$300; gold capped male conure, \$200. Phillip Callegan, Plaquemine; (225) 687-1483.

Rosellas, 6 mos., \$250/1; diamond doves, \$20/1-up; java rice birds, normals, \$20/1; Rosy Boarkes, \$60/1; parrotlets, split to blue, \$100/1; male canaries, \$50/1; (2) male red rumps, \$50/1; Florida F. & blk. breasted finches, \$10/1. Donald Jacob, LaPlace; (985) 652-6614.

Cockatiels, hf, \$50 & \$65/1; others, \$25 & \$35/1; lovebirds, lutino, \$30/1; finches, zebra & society, \$8/1; wh. king pigeons, \$10/1; ringneck pheasants, \$40/pr.; ringneck doves, \$10/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

Doves, different colors, must sell all, \$5/1. Sybil Gauthier, Hessmer; (318) 563-4338.

Wh. doves, (19) good, working prs., \$20/pr., cheaper if all taken, cages avail., will trade for young brush goats. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

Diamond doves, normals, silver wh. rumps, blue wh. rumps, yellow wh. rumps, cinn. & cinn. wh. rumps, \$30/1-up. Wes McVay, Folsom; (985) 796-1403.

Proven pr. cockatiels, normal male split to pearl, cinn. pearl hen, \$40. Mark Matthews, Prairieville; (225) 622-2314.

Finches, gouldians, diamond sparrow, shaft tails, societies & zebra, blk. face, blk. breasted & other zebra mutation, \$6/1-up. Terry Perez, Cut Off; tbirds@mobiletel.com or (985) 665-3902.

Ringneck dove normals & wh., \$7.5 & 10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & 30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Quaker parrots, \$850/1; (1) male Jenday conure, \$250; lovebirds, \$12/1-up; parakeets, \$7/1; (1) pr. Indian ringnecks, \$120/pr.; other birds & cages avail. W. Hendricks, Convent; (225) 562-7719.

Proven prs., Quakers, \$150; sun conures, \$600; Jenday conures, \$500; blue & gold macaws, \$2500, cages avail. Rickey Foret, Raceland; (985) 532-5443.

Blue & gold macaws, w/cage, &

metal nest boxes, \$1600/pr. Al Cormier, Rayne; (337) 873-2111.

Canaries, all colors, male singles, \$60-\$70/1, will ship. Charles Cupit, Bossier City; (318) 746-8494.

(8) lovebirds, different colors, some of breeding age, \$25/1 if all are taken. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Queen Alexandrian parakeet, AKA Princess of Whales, (3) females, 6 mos., \$175/1; Quakers, \$150/1; cherry head conures, \$250/1; green nape lories, \$250/1; new cages, \$4/1-up. Linda Brehm, Columbia; (318) 649-0417.

Indian ringneck parakeets, green-blue, blues, turquoises, violets, violet-greens, Alexandrian, \$50-\$1500/1; (1) breeder male Hyacinth macaw, \$6000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Hf RS eclectus babies, not weaned, \$500; hf large scarlet macaw baby, not weaned, \$850; (2) proven pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Timenh grays, \$1250/pr. & up. M. Dugas, Plattenville; (985) 369-2730.

(8) pr. breeding Quakers, \$1600/all. Carl Brehm, Hebert; (318) 649-0417.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Bourbon red Tom's, approx. 1 yr., \$20. Loraine Kurz, Folsom; (985) 796-0555.

(1) Blk. female swan, 1 yr., \$250; 2 yrs., \$300. LaVergne Turpin, Alexandria; (800) 256-1496.

Peafowl, wh., blue pied & blk. shoulder, 2-3 yrs., \$75/1. Harves George, Flatwoods; (318) 793-4384.

Dressed quail, \$18/doz. Freddie Hebert, Gueydan; (337) 536-6928.

(12) Eastern wild turkey, breeding stock, \$25/1 or \$20/1 if all taken. Philip Delaney, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-0900.

(43) wh. Embden geese, young, grown, \$15/1 or \$430/all; wh. doves, proven prs., \$20/pr.; young, \$7/1; mature blk. shouldered peacock, 5 yrs., \$125/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

Wh.-faced whistling ducks, \$100/pr. Mark Matthews, Prairieville; (225) 622-2314.

Super large quail, Pharaoh & Manchurian golden, hatching eggs, \$25/100; plus \$12 S&H; live quail, 75¢/1-up. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Redwood cabinet-type Humidaire incubator/hatcher, will hatch large quantities of eggs, (5) trays, auto turners, \$550. S. Gauthier, Kaplan; (337) 643-6041.

2'x2'x8' Brooder, w/thermostat for chicks & more, very nice, homemade, \$100. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

(4) Adult chickens, \$5/1-up; (6) adult geese, \$30/1. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; <http://dachshundfarm.com>, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com or (225) 658-9293.

Mallard ducks, eggs, babies & mature flyers, 50¢-\$10/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Wanted: roosters, bantam Rhode Island red, bantam partridge rock & bantam golden laced Polish, also bantam Auracana & bantam wh. crested blk. Polish hens. Keith Neck, Baton Rouge; (225) 262-2549 or (225) 413-8734.

Wanted: mature wh. swan, 1-2 yrs., preferably female, will take male. James Briggs, Metairie; (504) 893-0606 or (504) 899-4284.

Wanted: small bantams, any color, (30) hens, (8) roosters, bantam miniatures. Norman Ordeneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

Wanted: pb red lace Cornish hens, large blocky type. Jimmy Melancon, Crowley; (337) 783-2732.

Wanted: chickens, ducks, guineas, geese, turkeys, half grown or full grown, healthy, bantam, pure or crossbred, within 50 miles of Rayne. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Wanted: flight cond. quail/chukar, cert. & banded. Dwain Nugent, DeQuincy; (337) 786-2060.

PIGEONS

Homers, \$10/pr. Janice Prejean, Ossun; (337) 873-6643.

Texas pioneer pigeons, all sizes, \$20/pr. Ronnie Hammons, Kentwood; (985) 229-8606 or (985) 229-8585.

Wanted: utility wh. kings and/or wh. carneaux. C. Hamilton, Westlake; (337) 436-9950.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

NZW, Calif., satins & common breed, \$6/1-up. Gerald or Caroline Porche, Port Allen; (225) 241-1361 or (225) 603-9740.

RATITES

(2) young pet emu, free to good home. Nellie Calvey, St. James; (225) 473-3268.

DEER & EXOTICS

Fallow, blk. buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375.

Water buffalo, cow & calf, \$1500; Sieka trophy, \$500; white-tail trophy buck, \$1500/1; trophy elk bulls, \$2000/1. Herbert Lejeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

FARM SERVICES

Farmers, ranchers & land owners, do you need old fences reworked or new ones built, I do all types of farm fencing, free estimates, references provided. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

Land clearing, ponds, dirt work, stump removal, rake work on clearing, \$65/hr. on 450-B Case dozer, \$65/hr. on 580-D Case backhoe, hauling of equip. one-way, \$5.85/mile. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

Dixieland performance horses, world class trainers, 2 world championships in '01, we train, show & sell, training all breeds, openings avail. now for training. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Pine straw, machine baled, premium quality mulch, clean, at barn, \$4/bale, Slidell area. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

2004 Hot Peter Pepper seeds, 50 seed pkt., \$1/pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash St., Crowley, LA 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Long, round, oblong, green & La. market blk. eggplant, original gulf state market tomato, rose malaban climbing spinach, birdseye & ornamental pepper, \$1.5/pkt. w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushion green stripe, 30 seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Thornless blackberry plants, 2-gal., \$6-\$20/1; fig trees, 2-gal., \$6/1. Richard Sotterly, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

All sorts of plants, trees & shrubs in 1-3 gal. pots, \$1-\$10/1; live oaks, 3-gal., 2' tall, \$5/1; 25-gal., 7' tall, \$25/1, others avail. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Chinese fan & jelly palms, 4-gal., \$12.5/1; southern magnolia, 4'-5', \$12/1; Japanese plum, Celeste & brown turkey fig, \$5/1; dwarf pomegranate, 3-gal., \$10; monkey grass, \$1/qt. tufts;

Japanese yew, \$5/1-up. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, select mulberry trees, Chickasaw plum, Mexican plum, native magnolia, Burr oak, \$8-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Louisiana live oaks, 1-gal., 3'-4', \$2/1; live oak liners, 18"-24", 50¢/1, good stock. A.M. Gray, Patterson; (985) 395-5193 or (985) 518-4711.

Chinese parasol, large leaves, used for shade at Audubon Zoo, in gal. pots, up to 24", at place, \$5/1. Laura Dovalina, Metairie; (504) 831-2833.

Fancy red bush cherry bundle, \$20/12; figs, \$5/1-up; red 7 Sisters bush & pink climbing sweet heart rose, \$5/1-up; wh. & yellow peach, \$2-\$10/1; potted red bush cherry, \$5/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2 gal., \$9.50/1; 3 yrs., 3 gal., \$12.50 at place; 10 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Elliot, grafted pecan trees, 2 yrs., in large containers, 1" to 1 1/2' caliper, 6 ft. tall, \$45/1. James A. Robin, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Wanted: (3) wild persimmon trees. Yvonne Montz, Montz; (985) 651-9125.

HAY & GRAIN

Fert. Bahia, Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, conditioned, cut & cured, '04, \$20/1; '03, \$16/1. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

Argentina Bahia, 4x5 rd. bales, fert., limed, weed free, cured w/o rain, in barn, \$25-\$30/1; rain on outside, \$10/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

5x6 rd. bales, covered, baled 9/04, \$20/1. Jim Simoneaux, Arnaudville; (337) 879-6126 or (337) 543-6570.

Bahia or rye grass, sq. bales, horse quality, no weeds, \$2.75/1. Lew Overton, Slaughter; (225) 654-0086.

Bahia rd. bales, no weeds or rain, \$25/1, \$30/1 del. M. D. Stewart, Zachary; (225) 939-2455.

2004 Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, horse quality, in barn, no rain, clean, \$30/1; cow hay outside, \$20/1. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 892-4041.

2004 Bahia, 4x5 bales, good quality, \$14/1. Gary Guy, Zachary; (225) 654-6491.

2004 Bermuda hay, sq. bales, \$3/1, pickup, del. avail. Bert Hood, Saline; (318) 576-9964.

2004 deer corn, 50 lb. sack, \$4/1; '04 wh. shelled corn. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

2004 Argentina Bahia hay, fert., cured w/o rain, sq. bales, \$2.5-\$3/1; rd. bales, \$20-\$30/1, del. extra. James Casanova, Amite; (985) 748-7363 or (985) 517-0334.

2004 season hay, excel. quality Bahia hay, well fert. & cured w/o rain, (1000) sq. bales, in barn, \$2.5/1; (300) 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

5x5 rd. bales of mixed Bahia & grass hay, 1500 bales, stored outside, \$15/1. Berwick Olivier, Bourg; (985) 594-2740.

2004 rd. bales of Alicia/Coastal/Bahia/Tifton 44/Johnson grass hay, behind baler, \$23/1; off field, \$33/1; del. in state., \$43/1, \$5.85/mile. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

Bahia/Bermuda, 4x5 rd. bales, 175 rolls, \$13/1 or \$10/1 if all taken, del. avail. J. McCollough, Pitkin; (318) 358-3329.

2003 Alicia Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$30/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

2004 Jiggs Bermuda, limed & fert., in barn, \$3.75/1, discounts for (50) or more bales. Keith Cahanin, Mire; (337) 873-6607 or (337) 257-2469.

Bahia hay, 6x5 rd. bales, in field, \$20/1; in barn, \$25/1. Mike Patanella, Independence; (985) 878-9765 or (985) 687-5030.

4x5 rolls Bahia hay, fert. to soil test, no weeds, under barn, excel. quality, horse hay, \$35, del. avail. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

Bahia rd. bales, excel. cond., \$10-\$15/1. A. Shaidae, Denham Springs; (225) 665-1409 or (225) 931-1383.

5x5 Bahia hay, in shed, on pallets, well fert., \$25/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Rice straw, 4x4 bales, \$12/1 or \$10/1 for (4) or more; Bahia hay, 4x4 bales, \$10, \$20 & \$25/1; Bahia sq. bales, \$3.5/1. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

1991 Case IH 1660 combine, 1000 engine hrs., 20' 1010 header, header trailer, \$29,000; '92 120-barrel grain cart, PTO driven, \$2000. Gerard Baudoin, Maurice; (337) 898-1323 or (337) 523-1672.

Ford 5000 trac., 52 PTO hp, (2) new rear tires, rear hydraulics, new paint, good, dependable working cond., \$7000. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

375 JD rd. baler, makes 4x5 bales, pulls w/50 hp trac., 17' Kuhn fluffer, 2 yr. Bilt Rite "V" rake, hyd. fold, \$10,000/all. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

(2) 16.9x30 R1, 100% thread, \$250/1; (2) 16.9x28 R1 tires, tubes & rims, 100% thread, \$300/1. Tom Brashear, Iowa; (337) 582-3194.

2030 JD trac., \$7000; 540 Heston baler, 4x4, \$4000; 246 JD baler, \$1200; 10' NH fluffer, 3 pt., \$2000; Sitrix rake, 5-wheel, 1 yr., \$700. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

678 NH baler, 5x5, like new, hardly used, \$15,000. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Case 36" backhoe bucket, good cond., \$500. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

Straight dirt blade, w/push arms & hyd. tilt, for D6E or D6D Cat dozer, \$3000. Dianne Price, Denham Springs; (225) 667-2031

or (225) 664-4350.

JD front weights for trac., \$80; dual wheel rims, snap on, 38", \$125. James Casanova, Amite; (985) 748-7363 or (985) 517-0334.

5' Shredder, all redone, very good shape, \$450. Chris Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-3539.

Hayforks, shop built, will lift 4x5, 5x5 or 6x6 bales, \$160. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

Quick hitch, in outstanding cond., heavily built, factory made & a category two, \$140. Howard Doucet, Iota; (337) 824-3852.

Mitsubishi dozer, 7', 6-way blade, 95% undercarriage, excel., \$10,900; Ford 4000 w/loader, canopy, 8 spd., p/s, 52 PTO hp, \$7500; JD 301A w/loader, 8 spd., p/s, 43 PTO hp, low hrs., \$7500. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

5 Yr. Troy Bilt tiller, w/8 hp, Briggs & Stratton engine, barely used, garage kept, \$1200. Errol Price, Raceland; (985) 448-2771.

Oliver model 1850, 95 hp trac., \$4800. Tim Fontenot, Opelousas; (337) 543-8670 or (337) 351-6568.

1998 753C Bobcat, w/aux. hyd., excel. cond., \$8500. David Nichols, Lake Charles; (337) 855-9254.

Farmall Cub, rebuilt engine, 12 volt system, new paint, belly mower, runs well, \$2500. Bob Benefield, Mansfield; (318) 697-6201.

Int. 140 w/few tools, \$3500; Int. chisel plow, \$500. Daniel Laborde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

Int. 5488 trac., c/a, w/new engine & tires, \$13,000; IH 4586 for parts, \$700. James Stacy, Natchitoches; (318) 663-3692.

MF 282 trac., 70 hp, \$9000; 7' LMC box blade, \$400; 6' bush hog, \$500; extra tire, \$100. Allen Smith, Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-7121 or (985) 359-0161.

Int. 385 35 hp, w/front-end loader, '90, good cond., \$7500; '96 Dodge diesel, ¾ ton, extended cab, \$8500. E. J. Hebert, Eunice; (337) 302-3685.

Backhoe, off Kubota trac. & loader, very good cond., \$2000 obo. Darryl Valentine, Trout; (318) 992-5574.

Cub trac. w/new belly mower, trac. has been completely restored, \$3000. Dennis Mills, Denham Springs; (225) 667-2319.

6-Way blade, all new, complete undercarriage, runs perfect, \$22,000; Case trac., 4 cyl. diesel, telescoping hyd. bush hog, 28' reach, 50 hp, Wisconsin running hyd. bush hog, \$3400. Billy Hawkins, Amite; (985) 748-4011.

D-3 Cat, excel. cond., 6-way blade, 35 hrs. since new undercarriage, \$25,000 or trade for track hoe or cattle. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

W & A 8-row hippy, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter, 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

1951 AC WD, 35 hp, 3 ph PTO, completely restored, \$3500 obo; '59 JD 630 LP, 52 hp, 3 hp, PTO, power steering, 80% rubber, rebuilt engine, new paint & decals, new alt. & gauges, \$5000. Willie Hurst, Greensburg; (225) 222-6564 or (225) 977-1574.

1950 IH Farmall 1800 series, 21 hp, w/4' flail belly mower, engine has been rebuilt, tires in excel. shape, \$2500. Joe Yerger, Tallulah; (318) 574-0765 or (318) 574-2619.

Ford 6640 trac., 812 hrs., w/front loader, w/forks & bucket, very clean, \$23,500; Cat 112 motor grader, 2130 original hrs., very tight & clean, \$19,500; '96 Vermeer stump grinder, model 672, 51 hrs., diesel, \$19,500. Wayne Daniels, Farmerville; (318) 368-2970 or (318) 348-5105.

D-7 Cat, excel. cond., all original, KG blade, 14' blade, \$24,500; JD 750 w/5' finishing mower, \$4800; Int. 35 hp, w/5' bush hog, \$4800. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

JD 2940 trac., 81 hp, w/JD 148 loader, excel. cond., \$16,500; 320-gal. Continental Belton sprayer, 30' boom, new pump, control valve & plumbing, field ready, \$1300. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

Bionic type grader blades, new, 5', \$630; 6', \$699; 7', \$819; comm. 7', \$1290. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

JD 4840, power shift, mounted chemical spray tanks, C/H/A, dual 20.8 rear tires, ready to work, \$15,000; JD 9910 cotton picker parts, any or all, \$2000. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

806 Int., in good cond., has fenders & dual PTO, \$6000. Johnny Rozas, Cottonport; (318) 876-2782.

JD 450 dozer, totally reconditioned, 70% under carriage, new paint, engine & clutch, brakes, too many parts to list, setup for backhoe attachment, \$14,000. Kevin Murphy, Folsom; (985) 796-9681.

1993 5300 JD trac., 2200 hrs., good cond., \$10,500. Larry Prestonbach, Houma; (985) 868-9019.

Multi power shift, fair cond., w/6' bush hog, \$4000; extra rear tire & wheel, \$250. Guy Bosalacchi, Arabi; (504) 279-9833 or (504) 460-7536.

JD model 850, w/canopy & roll bar, \$6200. Peter Cheek, Kaplan; (337) 643-6811.

IH 706, LPG, wide front end, needs work, 6-row cult., rolling cult., crop maker, JD 7100 planters w/monitors, \$3500/all. Percell Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

Kubota KH 41 mini excavator, '92 model, rubber tracks, front blade, rops, 12" bucket, articulating boom, diesel engine, very good cond., \$6000. Pat Meche, Loranger; (985) 230-0832.

12' Rhino bush hog, TW-144, 3 pt. hitch, perfect cond., \$3200. Roy Marcantel, Kinder; (337) 370-6375.

(4) Turf tires, (2) back tires 13.6-16, (2) 29x12-15 on universal rims for front, \$400/all or trade. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

Like new FX 20 Yanmar trac., w/new front-end loader, power shift, 3 cyl., 27 hp, \$7500 nego. Dustin Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

New reversible dirt scoop, 30", \$200 or trade for 4' utility rake that swivels, 3 pt. Arron Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

Yanmar diesel trac., 27 hp, like new, 40 hrs., w/4' finishing mower,

\$5000 or trade for zero turn lawn mower. T-Nick Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

YM 2210 Yanmar trac., like new, 30 hrs., \$4000. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

(2) Int. tractors (1) runs, (1) for parts, \$2500/both; various other equip., (3) Troy Bilt tillers, \$500/all obo, (2) water pumps, \$200/both obo, 1-row chopper, \$150, etc. Veronica Songe, Raceland; (985) 665-1005.

1976 Ford 3000 w/5' bush hog, \$5500; JD 4020 w/12' disc & front dozer blade, \$6500. Sherman LeJeune, Jennings; (337) 824-4502.

CM 2200 Vicon, 7'2" hay cutter, field ready, \$3500. R. LeDoux, Lake Charles; (337) 598-5051 or (337) 540-9597.

JD 6620, 18' platform, good cond., 1 owner, cut '04 rice crop, \$3500. Ted Savant, Kinder; (337) 738-5818.

664 NH rd. baler, good cond., \$8000. Tommy Thiels, Monroe; (318) 680-5991.

MF butane, 40 hp, very good shape, \$3200. Ernest Bieber, Branch; (337) 788-1713.

Tree planters, for pine seedlings, heavy duty Reynolds planters, \$1500-\$2500. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

2002 Scattrak Steerloader, 1750D, 86 hp, Perkins engine, 900 hrs., \$16,000. Joe Sweat, Pitkin; (318) 358-5205 or (318) 452-1949.

1999 Claas baler, Rollant 66, baled 350 bales/year, excel. cond., \$10,000; Claas cutter, w/conditioner, 2000 model, disc/260C, 6430767, \$5000. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

JD trac., '96 5400, 4x4, 3000 hrs., \$13,200; '97 5500, 4x4, 2800 hrs., \$14,200; (2) 2002 Polaris Rangers, \$5300/1. Paul Kleinpeter Port Allen; (225) 749-6000.

350 Case dozer wide trac., 26" pads, 95% undercarriage, in-frame overhaul, needs no starting fluid, rebuilt injection pump, new muffler, 6-way, 8 ½' hyd. blade, auto shuttle, clean, looks, runs & operates good, \$14,500. Ronald Sharp, Springfield; (225) 695-3627.

2000 Vermeer 1102 stump grinder, 110 hp, excel. cond., \$17,000 obo; JD 530 rd. hay baler, for salvage, bent tailgate, \$800. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

NH 660 rd. hay baler, endless belts, automatic tie, baled approx. 700 rolls, new cond., \$8500. Varnell Johnson, DeRidder; (337) 328-7603.

Cutting blade for Komatsu, 65P wide pad dozer, \$2350; large Int. trac., \$3500 or will trade for front loader, motor grader, dozer or excavator. Erne Plessala, New Iberia; (337) 365-5182.

Eddin's grain cart, \$1000; super heavy-duty hayfork, \$325; 3 pt. hitch hay spear, w/2 cyl. setup, \$500. Ronald Mayeux, Cottonport; (318) 922-3897.

Hyd. crane, truck mounted, buy crane and truck is free, \$2500; Ingersol Rand 160 C.F.M. comp. w/sandblasting pot, hoses & nozzles, \$3000; Ford PTO driven hay rake, \$950; Ford 6600 trac., c/a, field ready, \$11,950. H. L. Paulk,

Deville; (318) 443-8925.

Troy Bilt chipper vacuum yard machine, 5 hp Tecumseh engine, very low hrs., like new, purchased new for \$1300, sell for \$595 firm. Roy Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-0699 or (337) 257-3779.

1991 Mahindra 450, 45 hp, ready to work, \$5200; 5' bush hog, new stump jumper & blades, new deck, \$500. Burel Smith, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3058.

15' Sidewinder bush hog, field ready, \$4800. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

JD 4020, w/front-end loader, new bucket & hayforks, new radiator, other new parts, good cond., mechanic says it's a great trac., \$9000. Todd Deville, Ville Platte; (337) 363-3094.

Restored Ford 8N trac., runs very well, 12 volt system, working headlights, \$2500. Philip DiPascal, Marrero; (504) 341-5709.

1996 NH 4630 trac., 55 PTO hp, 950 original hrs., dual hyds., canopy, excel. cond., \$13,500. Harold Parker, Independence; (985) 878-2067.

Woods grooming mower, RM 550, great shape, must see, \$1200. Yvette Bacque, New Iberia; (337) 229-8264.

2030 JD trac., \$7000; 540 Heston baler, 4x4, \$4000; 346 JD baler, \$1200; 10' NH fluffer, 3 pt., \$2000. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Backhoe, 3 pt. attach., for farm trac., good cond., \$3000. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

1972 MF 3D trac., \$3500. Robert Choate, Saline; (318) 576-3151.

(2) Goodyear trac. tires, 13x28, 4 ply, in fairly good cond., approx. 70% usage left, \$75/1. Charles Landry, Sunset; (337) 668-4629.

Wanted: conveyor belt/chain to lift sq. bales, into barn. Tom Richard, Scott; (337) 235-0764.

Wanted: old JD 450 dozer for parts, any cond. Kevin Murphy, Folsom; (985) 796-9681.

Wanted: JD 5300 trac. parts catalog PC-2332 & service or technical manual TM-1520. Robert Lemaster, Summit, MS; (601) 684-4540.

Wanted: good, used trac. tire 13.6x28 & (2) drum PZ hay cutters, reasonably priced. R. M. Booth, Lake Charles; (337) 855-7091.

Wanted: 450 Case dozers, any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-3511.

Wanted: for parts, Bolens diesel trac., G-152, G-154, G-172 or G-174. Bill Woodruff, Pineville; (318) 466-3497 or (318) 451-2428.

Wanted: old JD trac., in need of repair, especially hi crops. George Collins, Beaumont, TX; (409) 753-2221.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1997 Ford F-150, fully loaded, w/towing package & drop-in liner, 77,000 miles, excel. cond., \$9500. R. Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264.

1955 Chevy 2-ton flatbed,

w/gooseneck hookup, trailer brakes, all original, good cond., runs well, road ready, must see to appreciate, \$1500. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

1968 IH trailer truck, single axle, gas engine, 36' Lufkin grain trailer, tandem axle, \$3000 obo. Eulas Foster, Newellton; (318) 467-5504.

1993 Toyota 4x4, w/6" lift, 12,000 lb. winch, ac/heat, good cond., \$5500. David Prudhomme, Kinder; (337) 738-2938.

1988 GMC lwb ext. cab, runs well & looks fair, good frame or work truck, 350 V8, automatic, \$1600. Maurice Castania, Arnaudville; (337) 754-5510.

1996 Ford F-250 diesel, power stroke, ext. cab, 176,000 miles, \$7500. Ferall Venable, Scott; (337) 277-2422 or (337) 277-2389.

1996 S-10 Chevy truck, sport tail, ext. cab, 5 spd., standard trans., alum. toolbox, chrome rails, wh., \$3500. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

1986 Ford Bob tail, 27' bed, diesel engine, 89,000 original miles, new rear tires & brake job, great for hauling hay & potatoes, good cond., runs great, \$3500. Richard Breaux, Arnaudville; (337) 662-3699.

1980 Int. S1955, w/Tulsa flatbed, w/poles DT466 5 & 2, w/30' gooseneck trailer, \$16,000. Wayne Daniels, Farmerville; (318) 368-2970 or (318) 348-5105.

1980 Int. 14' flatbed hyd. dump DT466 auto trans, very good, \$9500; '84 Int. S1955 bucket truck, DT466 auto trans., very good shape, \$15,000. W. Daniels, Farmerville; (318) 368-2970 or (318) 348-5105.

1991 1-ton Chevy truck & 21' gooseneck flatbed trailer, new tires on both, diesel engine, \$5000 obo. Henry Dimm, III, Prairieville; (225) 677-9760 or (225) 268-2973.

1993 Yukon 2 door, 4 wd, a/c, auto, loaded, \$3995. Mike Barlow, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-8546.

(4) 2003 Chevy Silverado truck tires & rims, w/6 holes, Goodyear P245/75R16 tires, in good shape, \$400. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

2003 GMC Sierra, 2500, single cab, auto, towing pkg., gooseneck hookup, only 7500 miles, like new, \$16,000. Marvin Carter, Pineville; (318) 442-1717.

Fiberglass truck lid, wh., fits full size short bed '02 GMC, very good cond., \$400 obo, cash. Boots Guillot, Lacombe; (985) 882-7101.

1-Ton GMC steel flatbed, tool-boxes on each side, good motor, new clutch, \$1200. Ernest Spears, Kentwood; (985) 229-8430.

1984 Dodge 3/4-ton, w/new 318 engine, good body & tires, good work truck, \$2900. Buvens Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-9534.

1976 Chevrolet truck, w/18'x8'x4' gooseneck hyd. dump grain trailer, \$9000. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

1999 3/4-ton extra cab, 4x4 Chevy, \$9800. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

8'x30' Gooseneck flatbed trailer, single axle, dual wheels, 20" tires, shop built, new deck, \$1250. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

Camper trailer, 14' self contained, new tires & a/c, \$1200. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

Covered buckboard, single/dbl. tree, looks like medicine man wagon, wooden wheels, great for parades, \$995 or trade. Jack Hughes, St. Francisville; (225) 634-5091.

Wh. wedding carriage, 3-seat, red velvet seats w/blk. fold down top, also blk. harness, \$4300. Allen Thomas, Maurice; (337) 523-9846.

6-Horse side-by-side trailer, 5th wheel hookup included, \$750. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3367.

1996 El Paso gooseneck horse trailer, 8' wide, 7 1/2' tall, 24' long, good insulated dressing room, \$4000. Littell Mouiller, Mamou; (337) 468-3140.

Bumper-pull Econolite, alum. 3-horse slant load trailer, removable partitions, walk-in dressing/tack area, new tires, excel. cond., \$750. Paula Alario, Folsom; (985) 796-9156.

16' Gooseneck stock trailer, S & H brand, 8' wide, storage on top of gooseneck, kept in shed, excel. cond., \$3500. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

1994 Sundowner alum. 3-horse gooseneck trailer, w/living quarters, rear & side tack, drop downs on head & butt, new hyd. elec. jack, good tires, good cond., \$13,500 obo. Janey Taylor, Calhoun; (318) 644-0174.

Trailer frame, 8'x32", \$200. Ronald Bufford, Kaplan; (337) 643-1429.

2002 30' gooseneck flatbed, 5' dovetail, low profile, 20,000 lb. capacity oil axles, like new, \$6250; 16' flatbed bumper-pull, good floor, brakes, \$800. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (504) 628-5361 or (985) 796-9538.

Homemade flatbed gooseneck, dovetail, w/ramps, 3-axles, 20', (2) gooseneck stock trailers, 20', \$1500/1. Tommy Thiels, Monroe; (318) 680-5991.

Gooseneck brand horse/wagon trailer, 24'x6'8", front 9' enclosed w/cabinets & bed in nose, back open for vehicles, back/side entry, elec. winch, \$5000. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Covered wagon w/rubber tires, \$450; Ford 8N trac., w/5' bush hog & box, \$3500. Terry Tarver, Clinton; (225) 719-2177.

16' Stock trailer, gooseneck, (5) new tires, good floor, \$1500. Doug George, Columbia; (318) 649-0325.

1996 PZ 30' gooseneck w/ramps, clean, very good cond., \$4250. Wayne Daniels, Farmerville; (318) 368-2970 or (318) 348-6105.

Class C camper special, sleeps six, great for hunters or horsemen,

low miles, newly remodeled, runs great, \$4200 nego. R. Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890.

Tops 5th wheel trailer, 28' triple dual tandem, w/dovetail, good cond., \$4000 obo. Judd Breaux, Gueydan; (337) 536-7645.

1996 Fleet neck 5th wheel trailer, 20', single tandem, 5' dovetail, \$3000 obo. J. Breaux, Gueydan; (337) 536-7645.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

18'x6'4", gooseneck flatbed trailer, all metal, \$1800. Joe Sweat, Pitkin; (318) 358-5205 or (318) 452-1949.

1995 4-Star alum. 3-horse slant, 38', 14' SW, gorgeous, living quarters, large bath, w/walk through, loaded, garage kept, \$28,000. Toni Hardy, New Iberia; (337) 365-6237.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Quincy model 5105 air compressor, w/200-gal. horizontal tank, 3 phase, 2/5 hp motor, inner cooler, complete package, costs \$10,000, selling for \$3950. Dan Choquette, Marrero; (504) 328-1970.

(2) 600 bushel grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200; 500-gal. skid mounted fuel tank, \$300. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Heavy-duty cattle guard, made w/rail road railings, \$450. E. J. Melancon, Rayne; (337) 334-5939.

15" Sylvester brand pleasure saddle, deep floral engraving, new stirrup leathers & rigging, 14 1/2" pleasure saddle, both in excel. cond., (3) bridles, (4) blankets & pads, (3) breast collars, \$400/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Used galv. sign posts, 3"x1 1/2", 6', 6 1/2', 8', 10' & 12', 50¢/1. Charles McDonald, Pitkin; (318) 358-5434.

Cattle feeders, w/metal tops, built on skids, 4x4, \$225; (11) used tin, \$1.5/1; new tin, 8'x38", \$8/1. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

10,000 Sewer treatment plant, can be used above ground or below, \$9500. Tim Sharplin, West Monroe; (318) 396-7743 or (318) 680-5679.

Barrel saddle, 14", blk., w/accessories, only used a couple of times, like new, includes Martha Josie bridle, breast plate & blanket, \$375. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

Open top 1000-gal. Sunset milk cooler, 2-3 hp compressors, good cond., \$3500. Ernest Spears, Kentwood; (985) 229-8430.

1989 Suzuki Quad, runs, 4x4, 4-wheeler, w/front & back racks, (4) new tires, \$1600; 55-gal. drums, \$20/1. Loyton Courville; (337) 662-3758.

Abeta Ultimate trail saddle, 17" seat, 4" Cheyenne roll cantle,

hunter green condura nylon in Southwestern design, matching breast collar w/bridle, new, \$350. Stan Hargett, Calhoun; (318) 396-1758.

Paul livestock scale, recently sandblasted & demintcoated, \$900. Linton Pitre, Ville Platte; (337) 885-2129.

(1) Lincoln gas welder, 200 amps, \$1600; (1) gas-driven hoisting engine, \$340; American drum hoist, w/cat head, no engine, \$900; gas-driven generator 110 volts, w/outlets, \$340, cash only. Boots Guillot, Lacombe; (985) 882-7101.

PTO sawmill, 48" blade w/removable teeth, \$100. D.J. Sonnier, Scott; (337) 873-4517.

(2) 600 lb. Clemco blast pots, w/hoses, ready to work, recently refurbished, \$2500 obo; Grimmer Schmidt, 800D diesel compressor, w/6 cyl. Cummins engine, excel. cond., portable, \$10,000 obo. Judd Breaux, Gueydan; (337) 536-7645.

Water softener & tank, never used, mfg. Robert Marsh Ent. 5-15 GPM, \$390. John Dallas, New Iberia; (337) 367-3547 or (337) 364-9103.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 95¢/ft.; new 8" PVC, 200', \$2/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Cattle gap, made out of railroad iron, good cond., \$650, del. avail. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Lincoln 200S welding machines, excel. cond., low hrs., no oil leaks, comes w/trailer, \$2000; Lincoln 200S welding machine, good cond., \$1000. Erica Bertrand, Church Point; (337) 581-1816.

Feed mixer wagon, w/electronic scales, in good operating cond., \$2500. Nell Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789.

Dayton 10" table saw, model# 32994, cast iron top, very good cond., \$400. Philip Dipascal, Marrero; (504) 341-5709.

2" Sq. tubing, (4) lengths, new but weathered, will sell (1) or all, \$50/1, cash only. Donald Byrd, Baton Rouge; (225) 753-1503.

3 yr. Deluval vacuum pump, model 78, \$1200. Austin Casanova, Amite; (985) 748-7363.

16" Gold Medal, blk. hunter saddle, \$1100 value, will take, \$500. Ann Bieber, Branch; (337) 788-1713.

Saddle, 15 1/2", good leather, back girt, \$225. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

Un-used Troxel Legacy Gold riding helmet, blk., med., \$35; Allflex handheld stock prod, \$20; English bits, \$15-\$20. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Galv. rd. pens, all include 4' walk-through bow gate, 40', \$650; 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 80', \$1075. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

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COOKERY

Christmas Casseroles

Christmas Potatoes

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| 8 large russet potatoes, boiled cooled & grated | 2 cups grated cheddar cheese |
| 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine | 1 1/2 cups sour cream |
| 3 green onions, chopped | 1/2 cup crushed corn flakes |
| 1 can cream of chicken soup or cream of mushroom soup | Salt and pepper to taste |

Melt margarine and add to soup. Blend in sour cream, salt, pepper, onion and 1 1/2 cups of grated cheese. Pour over potatoes. Toss gently. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Combine the 1/2 cup cheese with cornflakes and sprinkle over casserole. Bake additional 5 minutes.

Shoepeg Corn & Green Chile Casserole

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| 2 tbsps. butter | 8 ounces sour cream |
| 1/2 cup onions, diced | 16 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded |
| 2 (12 oz.) cans white shoepeg corn | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 2 (4 oz.) cans diced green chilies | |

Melt butter in a large sauté pan on medium heat. Add onions and sauté until translucent. Add corn and green chiles (including juices), stirring until warmed through. Stir in sour cream, Monterey Jack, salt and pepper and mix well until cheese just starts to melt. Transfer to a 9x13 casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Christmas Casserole

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| 2 (10-12 oz.) packages frozen green peas | 1 cup milk |
| 1 (10-12 oz.) package frozen asparagus | 1 cup buttered bread crumbs |
| 1/4 cup pimento, chopped | 1 jar whole pimentos |
| 1 tbsp. margarine | |
| 2 tbsps. flour | |

Cook vegetables according to directions on package. Combine in mixing bowl. Add the 1/4 cup pimento. Mix flour with the margarine. Add the milk. Cook over low heat until thickened. Add the sauce to the vegetables. Place in baking casserole. Cover with buttered crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes until just bubbly. Do not over bake or bread crumbs will be dry. After removing from oven, garnish by cutting whole pimentos to form a poinsettia. Place a stuffed green olive in the center of flower, a strip of green pepper may be used for a stem.

Christmas Broccoli Casserole

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| 3 (10 oz.) packages of frozen chopped broccoli | 3/4 cup sliced water chestnuts |
| 1 1/2 cans cream of mushroom soup | 1 large onion, chopped |
| 1 1/2 rolls Kraft garlic cheese | 1/2 stick of butter |
| 3/4 cup chopped mushrooms | 1 tsp. Creole seasoning |
| | 1/2 cup bread crumbs |

Sauté onions in butter, add broccoli and let thaw. Add rest of ingredients. Cut up garlic cheese and let melt in mixture. (Do this on low heat.) Pour into 9x12x1 casserole and bake at 350 degrees until bubbly. Can be doubled; it freezes well.

Turkey Casserole

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| 4 cups turkey | 1/2 cup salad dressing |
| 1 medium potato, diced | 1/2 cup milk |
| 1 can green peas or 1 package frozen peas | Salt to taste |
| 1 can mushroom soup | 1/2 cup grated cheese |
| | Potato chips, crumbled |

Mix first 7 ingredients well; cover with cheese and chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Creamy Crawfish Casserole

- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, cubed
- 1 stick, plus 2 tbsps. margarine
- 1 lb. peeled crawfish tails
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large bell pepper, chopped
- 1 (8 oz.) package fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 tbsp. garlic powder
- 4 dashes hot sauce
- 2 tsps. Tony Chachere's Seasoning
- 2 cups grated Velveeta cheese
- 1 cup canned fried onion rings

Creamy Crawfish Casserole

In a double boiler, melt 1 stick of margarine and add cubed cream cheese. Stir over low heat until cheese is melted. In separate skillet, melt 2 tablespoons margarine and sauté crawfish tails, onions, bell peppers, and mushrooms until vegetables are limp. Add the mushroom soup and cooked rice, garlic powder, hot sauce and Tony Chachere's. Add the cream cheese and margarine mixture to crawfish mixture. Stir and check for seasonings. Put in 12x9 inch greased casserole dish. Top with grated cheese and fried onion rings. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 30 minutes or until bubbly.



A straw hat shaded his face, the sleeves of his patched white shirt were tied around his slender waist.

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and felt his forehead.

Oh, yai. Did I catch me a sunstroke?

The crunch of clamshell beneath his feet lulled him into a silent reverie. The woods were thick; he could not see the river, although he knew it ran only a stone's throw from his path. The levee road knifed through the woods, inviting BeauPré to continue his pilgrimage.

In the near distance, a blue heron poked in the patches of Johnson grass searching for tadpoles. To distract himself from his somber mood, BeauPré made a game of trying to approach the bird as quietly as possible, but never got within 15 yards of the rickety stork. No matter how stealthily he walked, when he drew near, the bird simply flapped its wings and glided away. Finally, the heron reached the invisible edge of its territory and circled back to where it started. When the sun was overhead, BeauPré descended the levee road and headed for the shade of a massive oak anchored in the riverbank.

The long grass skirting the levee was ripe with seeds and pollinated BeauPré's dress pants as he strode down through it to the river. He removed his blue woolen jacket and laid it over one of the oak's mossy branches. Sweat soaked through his undershirt making blotches on the back and underarms of his white dress shirt. He loosened his tie and sat on the exposed roots of the ancient tree. His movements set the mosquitoes to darting and buzzing. He ate quickly amidst their agitated bites.

He reached into the paper sack for the second sandwich, placed it on the tree branch and felt for the water jar. When he returned his attention to his meal, the boy was sitting there eating it.



"It's not like you turned out how she wanted. She didn't want you to be no levee rat."



"Well, if life on the river is so good, how come you walking 30 miles in the middle of the swamp to her funeral? You don't got no car. You don't got kids."

"You stopped crying for Mama, eh?"

BeauPré took a long drink from the jar.

"*Oui. Tante Fleur* was good to me. I don't know what I would have done without her, no."

"It's not like you turned out how she wanted," the boy said. "She wanted you to go to school and learn something. She didn't want you to be no levee rat."

"*Mais*, the river, the woods, the basin, she is strong, yeah. It's a good life."

The boy snickered.

"What?" BeauPré snapped.

"Well, if life on the river is so good, how come you walking 30 miles in the middle of the swamp to her funeral? You don't got no car. All you got is a 18-foot *bateau* with a broken prop. You never married, you don't got kids."

"It don't matter. I'm only 34. Plenty of time. Plus, nobody tells me what to do. I do what I want. I eat what I want, when I want."

"As long as it's fish, froglegs or has lead pellets in it."

BeauPré scowled. "I never ask nobody for nothing. When the goo and buffalo are running good, everything is all right. People are going to start buying crawfish, you'll see. Then I'll make me enough money to buy a truck."

"But you quit school in the fifth grade!"

"I didn't want to go! I was the only one who didn't have shoes," BeauPré barked. "The nuns hit me because I spoke French. The kids laughed at me and said I was stupid. I was the only one who didn't have a mama!"

"*Tante Fleur* loved you."

"Maybe that's why I'm walking 30 miles in the hot sun to her funeral."

The sound of a diesel engine drew their attention to the river.

"What's that?" the boy asked as he crept toward the riverbank.

"That's a drudge boat. They said in LaButte that the Army's doing a big drudging job in Avoyelles. Maybe I can get me a job. Nobody knows the

river better than me."

BeauPré took another swig from his jar then retrieved his jacket.

"You coming?" he asked the boy who was busy skipping clamshells over the fast-moving muddy water.

"I'll see you there," he hollered, but BeauPré was already halfway up the levee. He reached the crest of the dike and slapped at the dust and pollen collected on his pants legs. Tugging at the brim of his sweaty Stetson, he pulled it low over his eyes, and continued walking. After a couple of hours, the levee, following the curve of the river, turned east. The sun was at his back.

BeauPré knew the end of the journey was near when he reached the familiar point. The river's eastern turn was followed immediately by a sharp northern hook. He was tempted to leave the high ground to bypass the huge meander, but decided against it to avoid the chance of ruining his suit if the bottomland forest was swampy and wet.

BeauPré emerged from the river bend and was shocked to see the woods he hunted in his youth had now been cleared for cotton. The clearing revealed the ribbon-like contour of the levee as it mimicked the waterway's curves in graceful parallel. The vast expanse of the shining cotton fields below and the white glint of the sun-bleached clamshell road reminded BeauPré of snow, though he had never seen any. He began to sing "Silent Night," the only Christmas carol he knew.

Douce nuit! Sainte nuit! Tout se tait, l'heure fuit.

He was pleased that he still remembered the French words as the boy's high soprano chimed in.

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Coming Your Way

The Silver Spur Rodeo Club will host a show Dec. 11 at the Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder.

The show will be held in the climate-controlled pavilion.

Events include barrels, poles, stakes, roping, goat tying, ground roping, breakaway, mugging, tie down and team roping.

For more information, contact Neil Foster at (337) 598-2380 or Ellen Guilbeaux (337) 855-7529.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association annual awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall on Greenwell Springs Road in Baton Rouge.

The banquet will feature a catered meal and door prizes. Admission is \$5 for adults and youth. Children under the age of 8 are free.

For more information, contact deepsouthhorshow@yahoo.com or call Jenny Redhead at (225)665-2382.

The third annual AgOutlook Conference is scheduled for Jan. 12-13 at the Cook Conference Center and Hotel in Baton Rouge.

The theme of the 2005 conference is "Keeping Louisiana's Agriculture and Forestry Competitive."

The event is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

There is no fee to participate in the conference, but advance registration is required. Details and information are available at www.lsuagcenter.com/2005agoutlook. For additional information, contact Jamie Segar at (225) 578-0388.

A registered horse sale will be held Jan. 28, 2005, at the Beauregard Parish Civic Center Arena in DeRidder.

This sale is open to registered quarter horses, paints, appaloosas and thoroughbreds.

For more information, contact Tommy Carson at (337) 263-3317.

The Horseman Association of Southwest Louisiana has team calf sorting events every Saturday starting at 5 p.m. with practice runs for children at the Dairy Festival Barn in Abbeville.

Adult registration begins at 6 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome.

For more information, contact Valerie at (337) 212-0544.

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The vast expanse of shining cotton fields below and the white glint of the sun-bleached calmsell road reminded BeauPre' of snow, though he had never seen any.

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Seuls Joseph et Marie humblement, sont penches au berceau de l'Enfant. Dors, Jesus radieux! Dors, Jesus radieux!

"You remembered the carol," said the boy.

"Mais, sure. It was hammered into me by Tante Fleur. She loved Christmas even though she and Parrain had nothing," BeauPré said.

"Parrain would take me into the woods in June and mark a young cedar. He'd keep checking on it and trimming its shape until it was Christmas, then we'd chop it and bring it home," the boy recounted.

"Tante Fleur would make pralines and peppermint with sugar. You remember how the house smelled of the peppermint when she made a batch of sticks? She was always singing that song." The boy smiled.

"You know they sacrificed for you," BeauPré said.

"Oui, and even though she wanted you to get educated and leave the river, deep down she knew you wouldn't. That's why she and Parrain saved all year and bought you that Browning 12-gauge for Christmas," countered the boy.

"And the next year Parrain built you a pirogue. And the year after that, they bought you a Mercury and you began raising the nets with him. She gave you the river."

Behind BeauPré a Ford F-100, spewing a trail of white dust, rapidly approached. It slowed politely before reaching him, and as it passed, he saw two men in orange hunting caps inside. Two shotguns hung in a gun rack mounted on the rear window and a beagle, perched atop a mound of duck decoys, bayed at BeauPré from the truck's wooden bed. Once past, the driver resumed his speed. BeauPré watched until the truck was out of sight.

When the dust cleared, the boy was gone again. Now BeauPré could see the silver steel girders of the new four-lane bridge crossing the Atchafalaya. He reached U.S. 190 and made his way into town just as the sun was ducking below the horizon. He recognized the familiar and found his way to Simoneaux and Daughter Mortuary on Main Street. The

façade of the building had been remodeled, but the old porch remained.

BeauPré sat on the porch, removed his dusty Keds and carefully unwrapped the wing-tips.

"You got Parrain's shoes wrapped in the Bayou News, eh?"

BeauPré looked up. The boy was sitting next to him, bare feet dangling over the edge of the porch, his white shirt buttoned and his dark hair combed.

"Yeah, the Bayou News. What about it?" He paused. "Tante Fleur gave me them shoes when Parrain died. She told me the last time he wore them was at Mama's funeral. I was just a baby."

Fascinated by the old gazette, the boy said, "BeauPré, look Mama's picture is in the newspaper."

"Let me see." BeauPré flattened out the paper over the cracks of the porch boards with the heel of his hand. "It's Mama's obituary."

"Her what?"

"Her obituary, a notice they put in the newspaper when somebody dies."

"Let me see," the boy said. He began to read haltingly. "Louise Manette Robichaux died today in the Baton Rouge Sanit—" He looked up at BeauPré. "How you say this word?"

"Give me that." BeauPré took the old paper from the boy.

"Louise Manette Robichaux, 30, died today in the Baton Rouge Sanitarium after a lengthy battle with tuberculosis. She is survived by her infant son, August Pervis BeauPré Robichaux, and sister, Blanchfleur Marie Robichaux Guidry, of St. Pierre. Preceded in death by mother, father, three sisters and a brother, who were lost in the Great Flood of 1927. Visitation is at Simoneaux and Daughter Mortuary in St. Pierre. Interment to follow after 10 o'clock Mass at St. Bernard's."

"Your reading got better."

"I never said I couldn't read. I like to read. I just don't write good." BeauPré dampened his bandanna with the last of the water from the

Mason jar. He wiped his face and cleaned off his shoes, then stood, adjusting his tie and swatting off the pollen and dust that coated his suit. He shoved his dirty canvas shoes in the crumpled IG bag and hid it under the porch steps, removed his hat and headed up the concrete stairs.

"Mama had it bad," the boy said from his seated position.

"Oui." BeauPré tasted salty tears on his lips again.

"Do you forgive her?"

BeauPré glanced back at the boy, but he was gone.

"Yes, I do," he said in English.

With a final tug at his tie, he turned around, opened the funeral parlor door and went inside.



BeauPre' flattened out the paper over the cracks of the porch boards with the heel of his hand. "It's Mama's obituary."



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Keeping a tradition aglow

Levee bonfires are a Christmas ritual in River Parishes

A century ago, after a Thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest and a feast of roast pork and geese, the sons of the St. James Parish river plantations stole a few hours away from their farm chores to continue an ancient Old World tradition.

Armed with nothing more than axes, hatchets, cane knives and brute strength, the boys attacked the willows along the mighty Mississippi River and began collecting wood to build a pyramid-shaped holiday bonfire.

The resulting conflagrations would cast a joyous flame on Christmas or New Year's Eve.

Today, the boys of the bonfire clubs use gas-powered chain saws, four-wheelers, winches and pick-up trucks to carry wood from the distant swamps to celebrate the old custom.

On December 24, 2004, more than 100 flaming bonfires atop the flood protection levee will flare and illuminate the river communities of Gramercy, Litcher and Paulina when town leaders give the OK. Thousands of visitors on foot, in automobiles, coaches, river boats, even airplanes, will marvel at the Old World spectacle and visit the many open houses along the riverside.

The local children believe the bonfires light the way for a safe landing and visit from *Pere Noel*. Many say the flames guide pilgrims to solemn Midnight Mass services in the predominantly

Catholic settlements.

The French-German Alsatians, the ancestors of the St. James settlers, lighted bonfires in observance of the summer solstice holiday of St. John the Baptist's birth, and to a lesser extent, the winter feast of *La Buche de Noel* (the Christmas Yule log.) It is not known if the early St. James residents, who pre-dated the Acadians by more than 50 years, built the traditional bonfires and celebrated the European customs.

The earliest written Louisiana records first mention Christmas bonfires in the 1870s, but 20th century genealogical society visitors from St. James were amazed to see bonfires dotting the fields of France to celebrate St. John's summer feast day.

The French summer bonfires were stacked in identical pyramid shape and size as their Louisiana cousins that burn on Christmas Eve atop the river levee.

Somehow *la vieille tradition Française* burned in the hearts and memories of the Louisiana settlers over two centuries and melded with modern beliefs to create a new tradition still celebrated today.

However the custom endured, it continues to bond south Louisiana families and friends with the selfless joy of giving.

For more information on the St. James Parish Christmas bonfires, visit www.festivalofthebonfires.org.



More than 100 bonfires light up the night every Christmas eve in Gramercy, Litcher and Paulina. Gramercy bonfire builder Terry Borne (below right) tosses up a log to his son, Kyle, as two helpers look on. The St. James Parish bonfires are an annual tradition in the river parish.



Some bonfire builders express their sentiments in shapes other than the traditional pyramid form, but the designs must be approved by municipal authorities (above and at left). The bonfire in front of the Guy Poche, Sr., house in Litcher last year had a championship season theme (bottom).

